

COMPLINE (PRAYER FOR THE NIGHT)

From the Book of Common Prayer, p. 127

Officiant The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord; *People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us. *People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Psalm – one of the following or another suitable selection is then said

Psalm 31

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame: / deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; / make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; /
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, / for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, / for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc*

Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord;
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

A selection of scripture is then read.

The service continues,

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer; *People* **And let our cry come to you.** *Officiant* Let us pray.

Officiant then says one or more collects (prayers) and intercessions may be offered.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;

that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Continuing, in unison:

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;

that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**